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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORMSEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS**1 NAME**

HISTORIC Weaver Hotel

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

126 South Kansas

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Waterville

VICINITY OF

No. 2, Martha Keys

STATE

CODE

COUNTY

CODE

Kansas

20

Marshall

117

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT
☒ BUILDING(S)
☐ STRUCTURE
☐ SITE
☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC
☒ PRIVATE
☐ BOTH
PUBLIC ACQUISITION
☐ IN PROCESS
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED
☐ UNOCCUPIED
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS
ACCESSIBLE
☒ YES: RESTRICTED
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED
☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE
☒ COMMERCIAL
☐ EDUCATIONAL
☐ ENTERTAINMENT
☐ GOVERNMENT
☐ INDUSTRIAL
☐ MILITARY
☐ MUSEUM
☐ PARK
☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
☐ RELIGIOUS
☐ SCIENTIFIC
☐ TRANSPORTATION
☐ OTHER:**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Mrs. Ina Roeth

STREET & NUMBER

126 South Kansas

CITY, TOWN

Waterville

VICINITY OF

STATE

Kansas 66548

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Register of Deeds

STREET & NUMBER

Marshall County Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Marysville

STATE

Kansas 66508

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Historic Sites Survey

DATE

1971

☐ FEDERAL ☒ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Kansas State Historical Society

CITY, TOWN

Topeka

STATE

Kansas 66612

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT
☒ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED
☒ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Weaver Hotel in Waterville is a three-story rectangular building with a full basement located at the northwest corner of Kansas and Front streets. It measures 22 feet wide and 90 feet long. The architectural style of the hotel is a simplified application of Renaissance Revival. Precast concrete blocks formed with a face texture to resemble rough hewn stone comprise the white-painted exterior walls. The flat roof of the building is concealed behind the parapet wall. One of the main features of the building is a corner entrance which is set off by a one-story wood porch along the south side, around the corner and approximately half the length of the east front. The porch columns are simple and circular with vertical fluting. Above the porch is a wood balustrade forming a balcony on the porch roof. The building corner at the southeast entrance is rounded through the full three stories and is accented by a decorative iron cornice and a parapet. Modulating the iron cornice are four large decorative brackets, which are interspersed with smaller iron brackets. An ornate pediment located directly above the curved wall bears the name "Weaver Hotel." Window openings on all three floor levels have simple rectangular double-hung windows. The window sills are of stone and project slightly from the wall; window heads are one-piece flat cast concrete lintels which project similarly. Door openings are treated like the windows. One three-sided bay is situated at the north end of the second floor. Horizontal bands of smoothed masonry accent the floor lines at all three levels. On the south wall between the two first floor windows is a cast concrete lion's head. Above it is the date 1905 and the names of Brooks and Schmidt, the contractors. The reason for the lion's head other than ornamentation isn't known.

The hotel has the original 12 guest rooms on the third floor, a number of guest rooms and a parlor on the second, and restaurant and dining facilities. A recent complete refurbishing has brightened the interior and made the old hotel an attractive place to dine and lodge.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1905-1906

BUILDER/ [REDACTED] J. J. Brooks and Herman Schmidt

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Weaver Hotel in Waterville was built in 1905-1906 by William E. Weaver for his parents, the Luce E. Weavers, who operated a local restaurant. L. E. Weaver entered the restaurant business by opening an ice cream parlor in Waterville in June, 1877, and shortly thereafter added restaurant and bakery facilities. His old frame business building was temporarily moved east onto South Kansas street in March, 1905, when work began on the new hotel. J. J. Brooks and Herman Schmidt of Hanover manufactured the cement blocks for the building's exterior and also erected the structure. W. E. Fitzgerald of Waterville had the contract for the woodwork.

Work on the cellar and the foundation was underway by early May, 1905, and by early August the cement and stone work was completed. The floors were laid in August, the cisterns dug in October, the carpets put down the following April, and the old frame building razed in May, 1906. The hotel was opened for business by mid-May, 1906 and quickly became a popular place with railroad travelers and the local residents. W. E. Weaver and his wife Imogene assisted his parents with the hotel, and after his death and his parents' deaths, Mrs. Imogene Weaver managed the hotel for many years. The hotel, except for two or three closures because of repairs or the proprietor's death, has been in continuous operation since its opening.

In October, 1969, the old hotel, which was by then in a state of disrepair, was purchased by Mrs. Ina Roeth. Under her direction the building was renovated and most of the public areas redecorated in a manner reflecting the Victorian turn-of-the-century elegance. Although 12 small rooms on the third floor are still rented to guests, the hotel has primarily acquired a reputation for gourmet dining.

The Weaver Hotel is the only three-story building in Waterville and has been a local landmark since its construction in 1905-1906. Architecturally, it was one of the first large buildings in the area to be constructed of cement blocks. The Weaver Hotel has local importance for its 70 years of service to the community.

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1905; April 6, May 4, 18, 1906; May 3, 1934; March 20, 1947; July 31, November 6,

1969; and June 25, 1970.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY one acre

UTM REFERENCES

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ZONE EASTING NORTHING

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ZONE EASTING NORTHING

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE CODE COUNTY CODE

STATE CODE COUNTY CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

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Richard Pankratz, Director, Historic Sites Survey

ORGANIZATION

Kansas State Historical Society

DATE

July 9, 1975

STREET & NUMBER

120 West 10th

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CITY OR TOWN

Topeka

STATE

Kansas 66612

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL X

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE

Nyle H. Miller

TITLE Executive Director, Kansas State Historical Society DATE July 11, 1975

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST:

DATE

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

